### A Roundabout Romance in Three Chapters.

BY W. W. FENN, AUTHOR OF "HALF-HOURS OF BLIND MAN'S HOL-IDAY," ETC. .

weald of Sussex, just where its wealth of known as Dene Court.

have been pronounced by visitors from Brighton, who from time to time may have peeped down upon the gray roof of the old house it their excursions to the son in their criticism, for it was just one of those dwellings that in the winter-time, at all events, suggested the need of open ful groups in front of blazing logs when her. the sports of the field were over.

reference made to its occupant in the preceeding chapter, such festivities were the last things likely to awaken the slumbering echoes of its old rooms. Scrupulously neat, prim, and precise, and at the first glance austere of counte-plenty of nerve, and she frequently gave age, aithough still hale and active, a widowhood of some forty years had re-vived in her many an old-maidish habit, which, indeed, her short and childless married life had never entirely repressed. A scarcely less genial guardian, perhaps, the Fates could hardly have found for

Such a character as Marion Farley's was about the last in the world that Mrs. onous life. Scobell could have understood. She had a sort of traditional idea of what young ladies should be, and therefore never dreamed that the niece who owed every-

scarcely months' months' close intimacy, to see that she was dealing with a far from faultless disposition. Whether Mrs. Scofaultless disposition. Whether Mrs. Sco-bell had any definite notions about her dezvous for the latter pack, and scarcely plied, it must be rendered at any cost.

bellion at the dependence to which she attributed the monotony of herexistence. Yet, not unmindful of, nor ungrateful for what he aunt had done for her, she had the true instinct of a lady, and never gave much outward evidence of the rest-less spirit at work within her, and this self-control that she exercised probably increased the suffering which her prison-

like life entailed. week's end to week's end; and a drive in a close shut carriage now and then to return these visits, constituted the most notable events of the household. Like the rest of the young ladies educated at Brighton, Miss Marion Farley had been taught to ride, and frequently, of course, had joined those cavalcades of galloping beauties under the riding-master's escort, which are so prominent a feature of life at the fashionable resort, and during her long pupilage she had become intimately but with all the many picturesqe rides across the Downs. Now, however, this healthful and spirit-stirring exercise was denied her, not from any objection on the part of Mrs. Scobell to the thing itself, nor any difficulty in supplying her niece with a well-trained horse—for no money would have been spared on this head, any more than it would upon anything which her the many picturesque rides across the Downs. Now, however, this healthful and spirit-stirring exercise was denied her, not from any objection on the boy and hung by him around the statue. When the last wreath was in place the Alsatians, with uncovered heads, marched silently past the statue, and in many of their eyes tears were seen. any more than it would upon anything which her aunt, with her kind but narrow views, considered likely to conduce to the girl's welfare. But Marion could not ride entirely alone, or with a groom only; hence, though the subject had been frequently discussed, it had always been abandoned as impracticable, until one one day the old fady, seeming, contrary to her custom, to notice a slight dejection

which Marion was unable to conceal, said, as if by inspiration: 'Why, my dear, it has been very fool-ish of us not to think of it before; but

THE RIDDLE OF THE farmhouses, the right person was not to be found. However, Mrs. Scobell became once more inspired, and suggested that possibly by advertising in a Brighton paper that town of equitation might ever before. supply the commodity required. So, after much confabulation and a great many abortive attempts at terse compo-sition, the following advertisement was inserted in the Brighton Chronicle:

Wanted, a respectable young woman capable of riding and managing horses. She will be expected to occupy the position of a domestic servant, but her duties will CHAPTER II.

At the foot of the northern slope of the South Downs, and consequently on the borders of the luxuriant and beautiful world of Sugar intervals and consequently on the borders of the luxuriant and beautiful world of Sugar intervals and consequently on the borders of the luxuriant and beautiful world of Sugar intervals and sugar inter

For some weeks the advertisement foliage and rich vegetation gives way to the stunted herbage clothing these precipitous and chalky hills, and not far from the picturesque village of Poynings, riding master, been accustomed to the management of horses, and that only in the picture of the court of consequence of domestic calamity had The place was peculiarly secluded; she been recently obliged to go into ser-dreary to a degree it would doubtless vice. She felt perfectly competent, she verely. said, to perform the duties required, and would be ready to take the situation as

soon as the young lady wished. The letter was written and expressed overhanging Devil's Dyke. And, truth References of two job-masters at Brighto tell, there might have been some reaton were sent to Mrs. Scobell; and in the course of a fortnight Ann Brice, a demure, good-looking young woman of Oranges, lemons, olives and almonds about five-and-twenty, supplied with a are to be cultivated at Florida soon by a house, and merry company to gather fitting hat and habit, was fully installed in the somewhat novel post assigned to their way to that State.

> tress and her companion in many an invigorating canter across the breezy Downs and through the winding lanes in the neighborhood. Miss Farley was a her escort a good deal of hard work to means a first-rate rider, and Marion one great solace to her hitherto monot-

The change which the spirit-stirring exercise wrought in her feelings was very marked, and she looked forward to her gallops with intense delight. They thing to her could ever presume to vary therefore began to compensate for much from that standard which the old lady that she was undergoing; and, as the had set up. She expected all girls to be the autumn and winter grew on, she used deferential and amenable to the dictates to add to her amusement by attending of their elders, and she had as a spectator the meets of the Sussex scarcely the wit, after six Fox Hounds or the Brighton Harriers,

neice's future, beyond the fact that she ever did Marion miss when the weather known. The farmers have had to go to intended her to inherit her property, we was favorable. The field on such occascan not divine; but certain it is, that for ions was composed of a very motley the present she considered that, so long crowd of horsemen; for, as everybody peace anywhere to be found except such as she required the undivided compan-ship and attention which her niece sup-to lords and ladies, now and then turn of smoke. out to join in the easiest kind of hunting Notwithstanding the kindness and to be found in the three kingdoms. Only Notwithstanding the kindness and to be found in the three kingdoms. Only tleman who has exported large quantities occasionally is it that the quality of the sport induces anything like a real cross-intense monotony and dullness of the country rider to give himself the trouble life, the utter absence of society, and the peculiarly retired situation of the house, formed a painful contrast in Marion's mind with the life at the fashionable school in the neighboring watering.

The Western States are feeling a prosperity of the hills, watching the proceedings but ending. place of Brighton, which she had so late-ly left. Nor was it therefore wonderful deigning to do more that to take a burst Minneapolis is sending off 3,000 barrels of

On the Place de la Concorde, in Paris, a picturesque and moving spectacle was seen a fortnight ago. A few hundred men, women and children, who in 1870 been experiencing something strange in voluntarily exiled themselves from their native country, Alsace, because they could not live there under the tricolor flag which their fathers and grandfathers Beyond a periodical visit from a Brigh-ton physician, and an occasional call Napoleon, had gathered to perform a lit-come back to supply the market east. from one or two neighbors of Mrs. Scotle ceremony. The men were the short bell's own standing, age, and habits, and jackets and the round hats, and the clergyman and his wife, no one the clergyman and his wife, no one crossed the threshold of Dene Court from peasants. On the same ground in 1871

In October, says the "New Bee-keep-week's and to week's and and adding in the victorious Common had a little to supply the market east. From \$7 to \$9 a head were paid, and we not they get to Kansas they are reweek's and to week's and and adding in the victorious Common had a little to supply the market east.

From \$7 to \$9 a head were paid, and we not they get to Kansas they are reweek's and to week's and to week's and a drive in the victorious Common had. the victorious Germans had been eners of men was carried to the allegorical figure of Strasburg, which, with figures of other cities, stands on the square. Wreaths of black beads with white let-

> Referring to the Georgia Gubernatorial scandal, Senator Hawkins, of the Rome district says: Governor Colquitt has come through the furnace without the smell of fire on his garments. I never expected anything else, but I must say that I am gratified to see how triumphantly, every charge hypothy against the Reid and t phantly every charge brought against him has been repelled and has recoiled upon its authors. I think the investigations, while they were intended to crip-ple and kill him, have left him stronger than he ever was, and have assured his re-election. I shall support him with

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### ITEMS AT LARGE.

Iowa quails are moving South. Michigan is selling more lumber than

Georgia's sorghum crop will be an ex-ceptionally good one. The manufacture of guava jelly is the

latest Florida industry. The Indiana acorn crop is about the

heaviest for fifty years. Ripe field strawberries have been

picked at Aroostook County, Maine. The biggest pumpkin at Traverse, Mich., fair, took a spitz dog as a prize. One hundred and twenty carloads of wheat thunder into Duluth every 24

In a Bombay (India) cotton factory women receive \$4 and men \$8 per

A Winston, N. C., lady dreamed her

A young lady has been nominated for school superintendent of Green County, Wisconsin.

At a recent sale in Bangor, Maine, timber land brought from 15 cents to \$1 31 per acre.

Oranges, lemons, olives and almonds

her.
Two well-trained horses were purchased; Daniel Webster during all the last years As may be guessed, however, from the and Peters, the groom, mounted on a of his life has just been presented to afterence made to its occupant in the sturdy old nag, followed his young mis-

England's hop crop is the lightest in many years, and large importations from America are inevitable. No longer can the Briton taunt our ale drinkers with: You 'avn't the 'ope."

The ravages of the phylloxera in the vineyards throughout Switzerland and Italy is reported by the local papers to have been greatly exaggerated. There will be the average wine crop this year. A wild cat was killed a few days since

iety for her safety, might interdiet this had eaten ten out of nineteen pigs belonging to Mr. Sanford.

A butcher in York County, Penn. while cutting rounds from a slaughtered steer, recently, found in the beef a gold dollar dated 1852. By the appearance of the space in which it was enclosed it must have been there for some time.

A pioneer party of about seventy farmers from Sweden have sailed from Liverpool for the province of Manitoba, and if the movement should prove suc-cessful they will be joined by 600 others from the same country in the spring.

The mosquitoes are worse this season at Fernandina, Fla., than ever before work in the fields with mosquito netting wrapped all over them, and there was no

A Raleigh, N. C., letter says: A gen-

that six months under her aunt's roof sufficed to arouse in her a feeling of rebellion at the dependence to which she [TO BE CONTINUED.]

Minneapons is sending on 5,000 inflour a day, and the city has 50,000 inhabitants; Duluth, "the Zenith city of the unsalted seas," is receiving 120 carloads of wheat every twenty-four hours, and the Northern Pacific is pushing on.

the victorious Germans had been en-camped. These simple people talked of the homes they had abandoned along the Rhine, of their city, Strasburg, where the German Emperor had recently been, and of that day in the future when, as they believe, France will regain the pro-vinces she lost. A youth was lifted up from amid the crowd, and on the should-stocks, till flowers bloom in spring, each stocks, till flowers bloom in spring, each should have twenty-five pounds of honey.

Clarksville (Tenn.) Tobacco Leaf:
"The tobacco crop is pretty well all
housed. There may be small lots of late planting still in the field, but so little that it can be made safe in a day's notice of changing weather or frost. color is mostly red, some light piebald, considerable dark or black. We hear of no house-burn, and of but little wormeaten. The crop is generally sound and leafy, and stemmers will find much to

A German journal, Der Techniker, says that an excellent dry coating for basement walls is made of fifty pounds forth the volume of oil of turpentine. or enough to flow easily, so that a thin coating may be laid on with a white-wash or paint brush. Walls thus coated are proof against dampness.

ish of us not to think of it before; but there would be no objection to your riding with a female servant, if one could be found capable of managing a horse. There must be many a farmer's daughter in this neighborhood who can ride; and then there would be no objection to your going out with Peters, the groom. We will think about it, and I will order inquiries to be made; of course, I should take the woman regularly into my service, as your female "equerry in wait-vice, as your female "equerry in wait-vice, as your female "equerry in wait-vice, as your female at a little is a special part of them to be able to keep up their product. When their butter gets light in the color be must make it "gilt edged" by using Wells, Richardson & Co.'s Perfect Butter Color. It gives the golden color of of June, and adds five cents per pound to the value of the butter.

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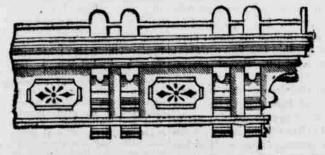
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